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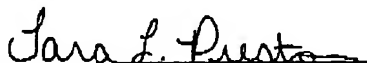
To: Examiner Catherine A. Simone Fax No.: (571) 273-8300  
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Re: U.S. Patent Application Serial No. 10/036,325  
Title: RIBBONED POLARIZATION-MAINTAINING FIBER AND  
MANUFACTURING METHOD THEREFOR, AND POLARIZATION-  
MAINTAINING OPTICAL FIBER ARRAY USING THE SAME  
Conf. No.: 3228  
Our Ref.: 791\_181

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<b>TRANSMITTAL</b> (Provisions of 37 CFR 1.136 Apply)			
Application Number	10/036,325	Filing Date	December 26, 2001
Group Art Unit	1772	Examiner Name	Catherine A. Simone
Confirmation No.	3228	Attorney Docket No.	791_181
Inventor(s)	Akira MATSUMOTO and Masashi FUKUYAMA		
Invention:	RIBBONED POLARIZATION-MAINTAINING FIBER AND MANUFACTURING METHOD THEREFOR, AND POLARIZATION-MAINTAINING OPTICAL FIBER ARRAY USING THE SAME		

Transmitted herewith is a Request for Reconsideration in the above-identified application. The fee has been calculated as follows:

#### CLAIMS

(1)	(2) Claims	(3)	(4) Highest Number Previously Paid	(5) No. of Extra Claims Present	(6) Rate (Large Entity)	(7) Additional Fee
TOTAL CLAIMS	8	MINUS	20	0	\$50.00	\$00.00
INDEP. CLAIMS	1	MINUS	3	0	\$200.00	\$00.00
TOTAL ADDITIONAL FEE						\$00.00

#### EXTENSION OF TERM

☒ Applicant believes that no extension of term is required. However, this conditional petition is being made to provide for the possibility that applicant has inadvertently overlooked the need for a petition for extension of time.

☐ This is a request under the provisions of 37 CFR 1.136(a) to extend the period for filing a reply in the above-identified application. The requested extension and appropriate non-small entity fee are as follows:

- ☐ One Month (37 CFR 1.17(a)(1)) ..... \$120.00
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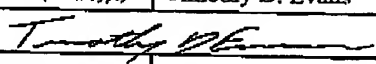
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☐ Applicant claims small entity status. See 37 CFR 1.27. Therefore, the fee amount is reduced by one-half, and the resulting fee is:

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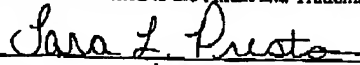
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REQUEST FOR RECONSIDERATION

Sir:

The following remarks are in response to the Office Action mailed August 5, 2005.

Claims 2-6 and 20-22 are pending herein.

Examiner Simone is thanked for courtesies extended to Applicants' undersigned representative during a telephonic interview on September 22, 2005. The substance of that interview has been incorporated into the following remarks.

1. Claims 2-6 and 20-22 were rejected under §112, first paragraph. This rejection is respectfully traversed.